Employees appointed on compassionate grounds in DTC

4677. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2629 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th March, 1995 and state:

(a) the names of employees in DTC appointed during the last three years on compassionate grounds, who have been regularised so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that large number of employees appointed on compassionate grounds are engaged in service only during summer season;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the reasons for not regularising the employees appointed on compassionate grounds in DTC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The details are as under:—

S. No.	Name
1. . . .	Shri Sajjan
2. . . .	Shri Bhagwan Dass
3.	Smt. Darshan
4.	Smt. Munni Devi
5.	Smt. Bimla Devi
6.	Shri Rajbir Singh

(b) and (c) Prior to 1993, a few persons whose names were enrolled for employment on compassionate grounds were engaged for summer season. However, after that no such appointment has been made.

(d) Services of employees could not be regularised in view of surplus staff in the Corporation, non-availability of suitable vacancy and a general ban on recruitment.

Construction of a Modern Shipyard in Kandla

4678. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to construct a modern and fully equipped shipyard in Kandla (Gandhi Dham);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Government of India have no plans to construct any shipyard at Kandla.

Streamlining the container depots

4679. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of containers have been held up at Jawahar Lal Nehru Port, jeoparding import and export consignments; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to streamline the working of the container depots in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) As on 2-5-1995 at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, 455 import containers for which job orders have been received were pending for delivery to the various consignees. The containers after receipt

of job orders are generally cleared by the Port authorities within three days time. There is, however, no delay for export shipments. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port is in constant touch with various Inland Container Depots/Container Freight Stations for removing the bottlenecks, if any, in the operations.

Performance of the Delhi Transport Corporation

4680. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of buses in DTC fleet at present and the number of buses lying idle in different depots;

(b) the average number of DTC buses which ply on roads daily;

(c) whether there is any proposals to augment the strength of DTC fleet;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the financial performance of DTC during 1993-94;

(f) the losses incurred by DTC on account of idle buses: and

(g) the steps taken to revamp the functioning the DTC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) D.T.C. has a fleet of 3480 buses out of which 1213 buses are lying idle in different depots.

(b) The average number of DTC buses plying on roads daily was 1987 during the month of April, 1995 (upto 24-4-1995).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The financial performance of DTC during 1993-94 was as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Working loss after prior period Adj. excluding Int. & depreciation	Total Loss including interest & depreciation.
1993-94	7147.61	28184.08

(f) The preaudited tentative losses incurred by DTC on account of idle buses is about Rs. 25 crores for the year 1994-95.

(g) The following steps have been taken to revamp the functioning of DTC:—

(i) Increase in the fare structure of DTC w.e.f. 21-6-1994;

(ii) Introduction of Voluntary Retirement Scheme in DTC to reduce its surplus staff;

(iii) Conversion into equity of the non-refundable loan given by the Government as outstanding against DTC on 31-3-1992 together with interest thereon;

(iv) Reduction in manpower ratio;

(v) Withdrawal of DTC buses from loss making routes;

(vi) Ban on recruitment.

Installation of Red Light Signals in Delhi

4681. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to fix more red light signals in various circles of Delhi/New Delhi;